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AP23 is N-(2-phenyl-2-oxoethyl)-2,6-dihydroxymethylpyridinium bromide.

AP28 is N-(2-phenyl-2-oxoethyl)-3,5-diiodo-4-pyridinone.

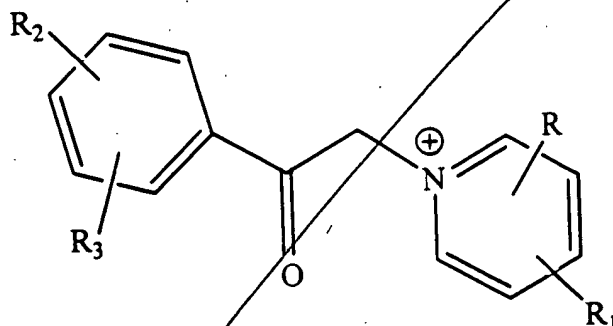
AP21 is N-(2-phenyl-2-oxoethyl)-3,4-dicarboxamide-pyridinium bromide.

AP22 is N-(2-phenyl-2-oxoethyl)-3-bromo-5-carboxypyridinium bromide.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Three times amended) An ischemia-damage mitigating salt of a compound, said compound having a formula I:



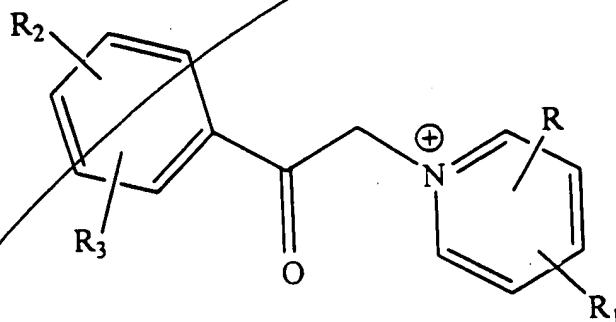
wherein R and R₁ are independently hydrogen, sulfamide, carboxyamide, cyano, straight or branched C₁₋₆ alkyl, straight or branched C₂₋₆ alkynyl, straight or branched C₁₋₆ alkoxy, a straight chain C₁₋₆ alkyl or a straight chain C₂₋₆ alkenyl having an ether link or an ester link, toluenyl, COOH, nitrate, or halide (Br, Cl, I, F), wherein at least one of R and R₁ is COOH, wherein R₂ and R₃ are independently hydrogen, sulfamide, carboxyamide, cyano, straight or branched C₁₋₆ alkyl, straight or branched C₂₋₆ alkynyl, straight or branched C₁₋₆ alkoxy, a straight chain C₁₋₆ alkyl or a straight chain C₂₋₆ alkenyl having an ether link or an ester link, toluenyl, COOH, nitrate, or halide (Br, Cl, I, F).

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204 7. (Twice amended) The ischemia-damage mitigating salt of claim 1 wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of 1-phenacyl-2,3-dicarboxypyridinium bromide; 1-phenacyl-2,4-dicarboxypyridinium bromide; 1-phenacyl-2,5-dicarboxypyridinium bromide; 1-phenacyl-2,6-dicarboxypyridinium bromide; 1-phenacyl-2,3-dicarboxyimidepyridinium bromide; 1-phenacyl-2,4-dicarboxyimidepyridinium bromide; 1-phenacyl-2,5-dicarboxyimidepyridinium bromide; and 1-phenacyl-2,6-dicarboxyimidepyridinium bromide.

205 14. (Twice amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 8 wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of 1-phenacyl-2,3-dicarboxypyridinium bromide; 1-phenacyl-2,4-dicarboxypyridinium bromide; 1-phenacyl-2,5-dicarboxypyridinium bromide; 1-phenacyl-2,6-dicarboxypyridinium bromide; 1-phenacyl-2,3-dicarboxyimidepyridinium bromide; 1-phenacyl-2,4-dicarboxyimidepyridinium bromide; 1-phenacyl-2,5-dicarboxyimidepyridinium bromide; and 1-phenacyl-2,6-dicarboxyimidepyridinium bromide.

209 28. (Amended) An ischemia-damage mitigating compound or salt thereof, said compound having a formula I:



wherein R and R₁ are independently hydrogen, sulfamide, carboxamide, cyano, straight or branched C₁₋₆ alkyl, straight or branched C₂₋₆ alkynyl, straight or branched C₁₋₆ alkoxy, a